

May 8, 2001

Ref: 2234-20672

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Etouffee Zone, Reservoirs A, B and C
KENT BAYOU FIELD, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration Co.,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration Co., LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Etouffee Zone, Reservoirs A, B and C, Kent Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

Etouffee ZONE, RESERVOIRS A, B & C

1. To create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 275 acres for the Etouffee Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the Etouffee RA SUA and RA SUB, Kent Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 230 acres for the Etouffee Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the Etouffee RB SUA and RB SUB, Kent Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
3. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 275 acres for the Etouffee Zone, Reservoir C, designated as the Etouffee RC SUA, Kent Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
4. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
5. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
6. To designate a unit operator and unit wells for the proposed units;

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7. To provide for the future reclassification of the reservoir without the necessity of a public hearing, if such reclassification becomes necessary due to a change in production characteristics of the reservoir;
8. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Etouffee Zone, Reservoir A, in the Kent Bayou Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 18,644 feet and 19,430 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Union Pacific Resources Company-C.L.&F. No. 3 Well located in Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 14 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

The Etouffee Zone, Reservoir B, in the Kent Bayou Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 18,865 feet and 19,460 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Union Pacific Resources Company-C.L.&F. No. 2 Well located in Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 14 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on May 3, 2001. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Jim Hardwick presented the plan of applicant. Question were asked and answered. All parties reserved their rights. It is anticipated that there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Etouffee RA SUA and SUB, Etouffee RB SUA and SUB and the Etouffee RC SUA, Kent Bayou Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties. A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, La 70598-0972 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

B. J. Duplantis

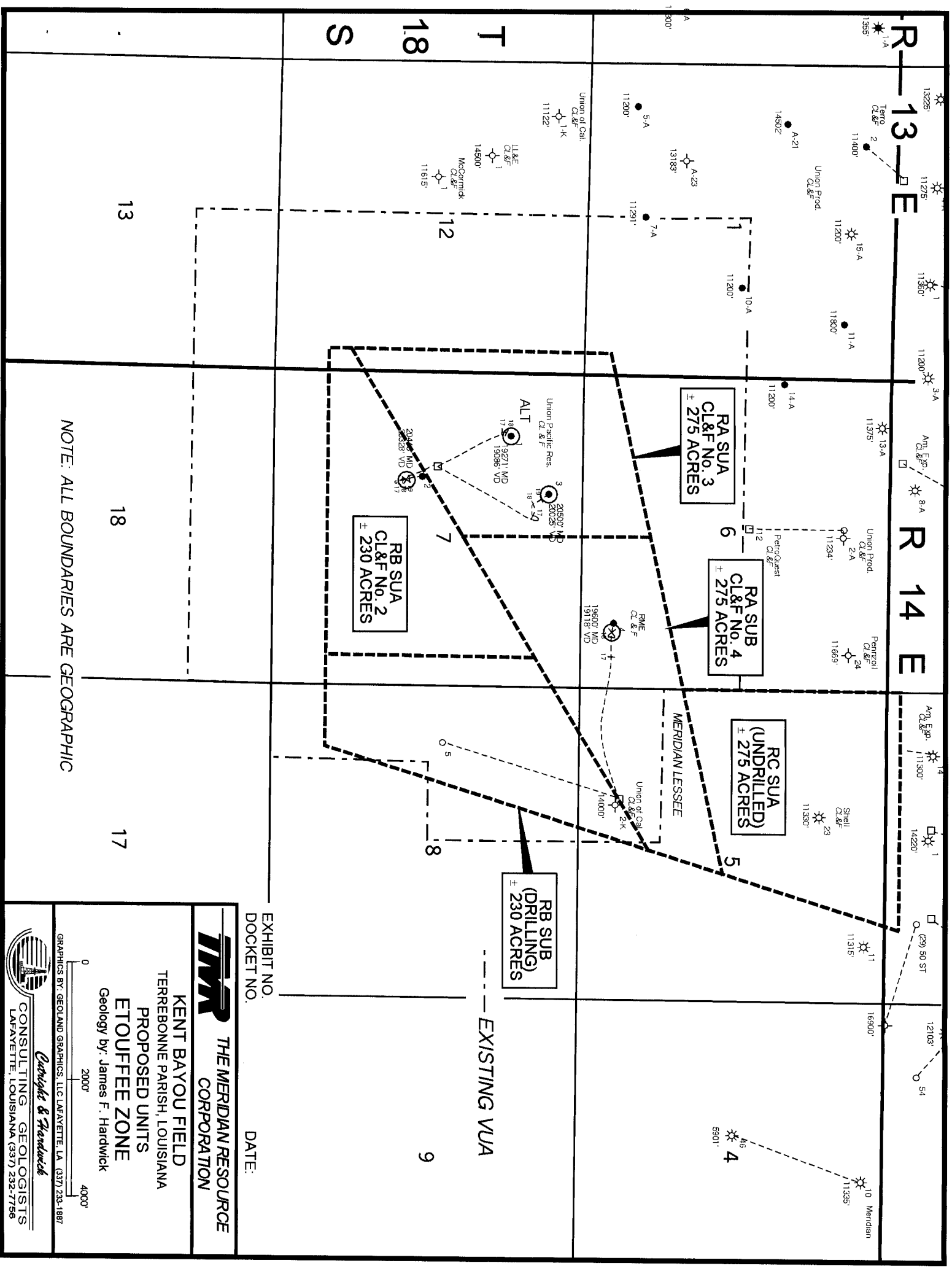
B. J. Duplantis

BJD/ht

Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and Interested Parties and parties
on attendance list



NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO.

DATE:

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORPORATION

KENT BAYOU FIELD

TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNITS

ETOUFEE ZONE

Geology by: James F. Hardwick

CARTWRIGHT & HANDWICK

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